

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated January 5, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 6-9, 19 and 20 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claims 6, 19, and 20 have been amended, and claims 21-23 newly added. Claims 6-9, 19 and 20-23 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,966,589 to Watanabe et al. (hereinafter "Watanabe") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,016,174 to Endo et al. (hereinafter "Endo"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,492,582 to Ide et al. (hereinafter "Ide"). Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,310,667 to Nakayoshi et al. (hereinafter "Nakayoshi") in view of Ide.

The rejection of claims 6-9 and 20-23 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 6-9, 19, 21, and 22 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "grinding area adjacent to an edge portion of a lower substrate of the liquid crystal display." Claims 20 and 23 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a grinding area defined at a second portion of the substrate, wherein the grinding area is adjacent to an edge portion of the substrate." None of the cited references including Watanabe, Endo, Nakayoshi, and Ide, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Ide is cited as teaching a grinding area, but the grinding area of Ide is not adjacent to an edge portion of a lower substrate. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6-9 and 20-23 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

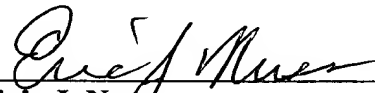
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to

discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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